

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the method steps in gerund form to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, and Claim 4 to depend from Claim 2, eliminating their former multiple dependency. Claims 2-6 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein," in accordance with U.S. practice. Claim 7 has been added. Support for this Claim is found throughout the Specification, for example at page 2, line 23- page 4, line 17.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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